

REMARKS

The Official Action has been carefully considered and the Examiner's comments and duly noted.

Claims 2, 3, 8 to 10, 13 to 16, 18 and 19 have been amended.

It is also noted that Claims 1, 3 to 7, 11 to 13, 17 and 20 contain allowable subject matter, and it is further respectfully submitted that the Amended Claims 2, 8 to 10, 14 to 16, 18 and 19 are also allowable as the formal defects have been removed.

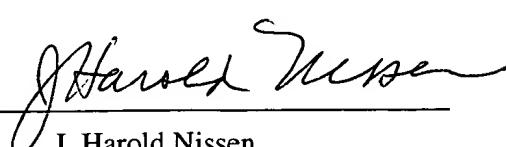
With respect to Claims 1 to 20 and the allowable subject matter, the statement noted by the Examiner is accepted. No further comments are necessary.

Please take this as a request to obtain a one-month extension to July 17, 2004, and this paper is being filed on July 19, 2004, because July 17 and 18 are *dies non*. Our check for \$110.00 is enclosed. If any funds are necessary, our Deposit Account No. 50-3108 may be charged.

Early and favorable reconsideration of this Application, together with the allowance thereof, is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
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